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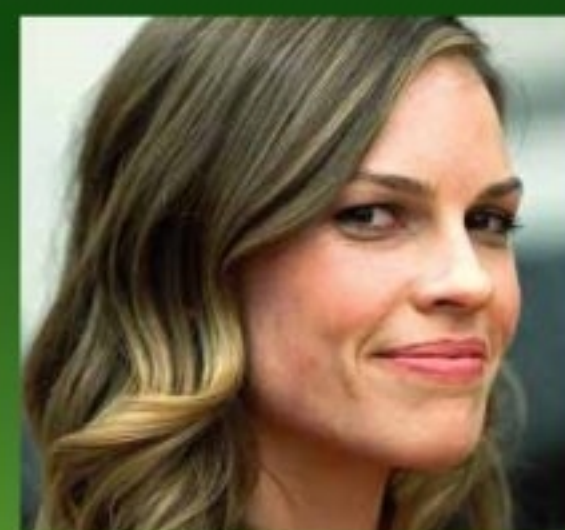
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Sunrise showdown for street occupiers

► Sleeping bags, tarps are now illegal in Zuccotti Park ► Protesters vow they will form human chain to prevent cops from entering park

This protest is trashed.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly told Occupy Wall Street protesters that after the park is power-washed and scrubbed down Friday morning at 7 a.m., sleeping bags, coolers and other gear will not be allowed back into the park.

Zuccotti Park owners, Brookfield Properties, papered the park with the new rules Thursday. But protesters say they will prevent cops and cleaners alike from stepping foot in the park by creating a human shield around its perimeter starting at 6 a.m. Friday.

"We've already decided that they're not going to come in here," said Stacey Hessler, 38, a protester from Florida. "We're going to lock arms and not let them in."

Deputy NYPD Commissioner Paul Browne said Brookfield created the new rules against camping supplies. If protesters defy the regulations, they could be arrested for trespassing or disorderly conduct, he warned.

"They literally said we can't occupy," said Diego Ibanez, 22, a community organizer from Utah. "If they come, we're going to resist. Those who are OK with being arrested will stay here. Those who won't will be witnesses."

Protesters frantically cleaned the park on Thursday afternoon, hoping that their last-minute cleanup will prevent Brookfield's private cleaning staff from coming in.



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Weather woes



Protesters say they'll fight Bloomberg to stay at the park, but admit they may lose to Mother Nature.

- "The weather, besides the constant harassment from the city and NYPD, is our biggest enemy," said Matt Erickson, 27, a carpenter from Iowa.
- The cold temperatures and constant drizzle the last few days have made several protesters pick up and leave. "People woke up this morning shaking and freezing," said Spirit Fox, 18, a student from New York.



► Piles of personal belongings mixed with trash on Thursday evening where protesters camped out in Zuccotti Park.

"We're not going to move — it's a trick for us to leave. I would love to see a human wall outside our community."

DIEGO IBANEZ

"This isn't a party; it's civil unrest. It's my right to stay warm, dry and healthy."

FOX JAMES

"I'll just go sleep across the street and then come back; I'm a human being and I have a right to exist."

MATT ERICKSON

New York expands free WiFi to six more parks

NEW YORK. The New York City Parks Department announced Wednesday that six more city parks will sport free wireless Internet. Beginning Thursday, Astoria Park in Queens, Herbert Von King Park and

McCarren Park Field House in Brooklyn, Tompkins Square Park in Manhattan, and Clove Lakes Park in Staten Island will all be equipped with wireless, bringing the citywide total to nine. ● METRO/EAE



► Chef Chris Nirschel

Benefit for New York Food Bank studded with stars

MIDTOWN. This Saturday, Renne Graziano of VH1's

"Mob Wives" will reveal her family's most coveted recipes at celebrity chef Chris Nirschel's kitchen at Copia Lounge. Angelina Pivarnick of "Jersey Shore" fame and New York Jets' Plaxico Burress will also be in attendance. A percentage of proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the New York Food Bank. ● METRO

In the news

Man in trial demands privacy

The man who was taped with Tyler Clementi, the Rutgers student who later killed himself, is fighting to stay anonymous. Prosecutors in the case say he has a "substantial fear" of his name being leaked and asked a judge this week to keep his name secret.

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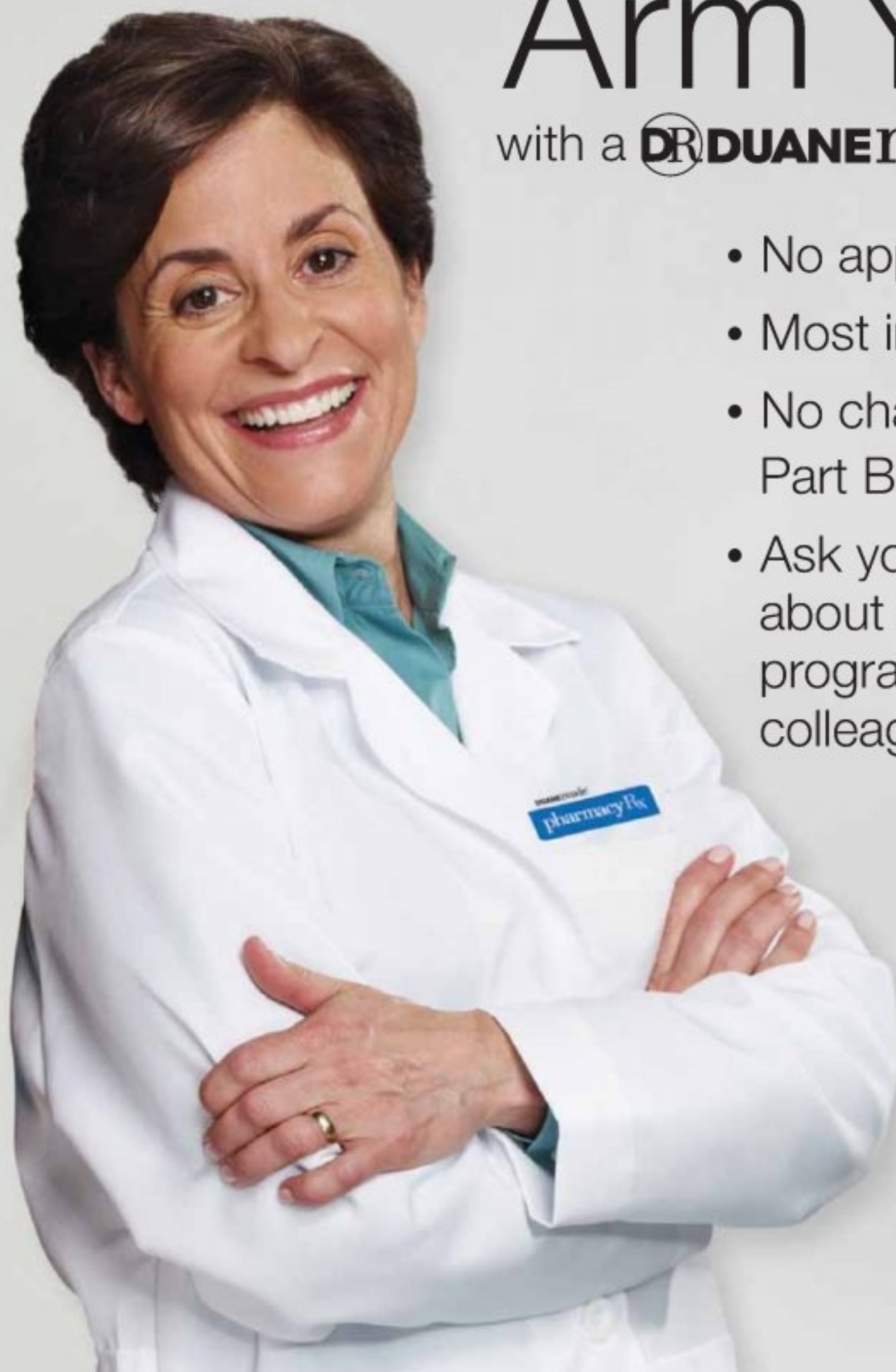
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NYPD. Memorial



► The Police Memorial Wall bears the names of all the NYPD officers who have died serving the city.

City remembers fallen 9/11 heroes

Mayor Michael Bloomberg laid a wreath Thursday at the Police Memorial Wall, where nine new names of New York City police officers were added on Thursday. Those nine officers became ill after working at Ground Zero and later died. "The nine men we honor gave their lives participating in the largest rescue and recovery operation in the city's history," said Commissioner Ray Kelly. **METRO/AB**

PTSD reports increase among 9/11 responders

As the years since 9/11 go by, the number of NYPD officers reporting post-traumatic stress disorder have dramatically increased instead of going down, according to new study results discussed Thursday.

In the study of about 4,000 police officers interviewed four to six years after the attacks, 17 percent showed probable PTSD. This was double the number of eight percent reporting PTSD two or three years after 9/11, said Dr. Rosemarie Bowler, a psychology professor at San Francisco State University.

"The overall rate of probable PTSD in police worsened over time," Bowler said while presenting the findings at a conference on 9/11 health in Lower Manhattan.

While researchers aren't exactly sure what's causing



► Police work on the site.

7.8%

Percent of officers had probable PTSD when surveyed two or three years after the attacks

16.5% Percent of officers had probable PTSD when surveyed four to six years later

the increase, in 2001 and 2002 fewer responders sought help because they did not think they needed it, according to the city Department of Health's Dr. Robert Brackbill. But as the years went by, Bowler found more officers reporting that memories of 9/11 continued to haunt them.

One new therapy now in use involves virtual reality, said Dr. JoAnn Difede, a psychology professor at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Patients wear goggles and headgear, which takes them through a virtual tour of the World Trade Centers and their collapse.

"It creates this sense of immersion, that you're there again," she said, which helps them summon and address memories.

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Subway slasher sentence delayed

NEW YORK. Godfrey Mole-mohi could face 20 years in prison for attacking three people in a subway station in September of last year. He was convicted of the crimes in June, but his sentencing was postponed Thursday. Prosecutors say he approached a woman and said, "I want to touch you" at the F subway station at Second Avenue and Houston Street and then punched her in the neck. He also attacked a man who tried to help the victim, slashing him with a box cutter. Mole-mohi also banged a second female victim's head against brick wall. **METRO/AB**

Alleged rapist sought

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT. The NYPD is searching for a man who they said is wanted for allegedly raping a woman in Brooklyn on Oct. 8. The woman, 29, told police she got



into the suspect's black SUV at Throop and Jefferson avenues. When

they got into the vicinity of Monroe Street in Bed-Stuy, the suspect raped her inside the car, the woman told police. The suspect has a tattoo under his right eye and speaks with a West Indian accent. **METRO/CB**

Purse thief roaming LES

LOWER EAST SIDE. A female thief in her 40s or 50s is targeting women eating out on the Lower East Side, stealing their purses hanging off the backs of chairs, say police. Starting in May, she's struck at Katz's Deli three times and Clinton Street Baking Company once. The most recent theft was on Sept. 30 at Katz's, when she allegedly lifted a woman's pocketbook off the chair and fled the eatery, say police. **METRO/CB**



► Rajaratnam

Insider trading sentence

NEW YORK. Raj Rajaratnam, a self-made hedge fund tycoon convicted in the biggest Wall Street trading scandal in a generation, was ordered to serve 11 years in prison, the longest sentence ever in an insider-trading case but far less than prosecutors sought. Thursday's sentencing caps a prosecution that shocked the investment world.

REUTERS

Buffett son: He won't quit

NEW YORK. Howard Buffett said his father, billionaire Warren Buffett, plans to work until death leading Berkshire Hathaway and isn't considering retirement.

"That word is not in his vocabulary," Howard Buffett said in an interview yesterday in Des Moines, Iowa. "He says when he goes to the grave he will communicate with us via Ouija board."

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Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
FOR CNN



LOST IN THE CORN MAZE

When I heard this week about that family in Massachusetts getting so lost in a corn maze that they called 911, two questions came to mind: How is it possible that they could negotiate a cell phone contract, but were outwitted by a grain crop? And why does this story remind me so much of D.C.?

The second one I can answer: Because in terms of the economy, this city is filled with befuddled politicians trying to find a way out — and bending a lot of ears in the process.

President Obama has just spent weeks hopping on hay bales around the country to explain his jobs plan, but all he's harvested is a bumper crop of complaints on Capitol Hill. I can imagine him and Harry Reid looking over the bill like an old, rusty tractor: "I don't know, Mr. President. We might be able to salvage a part or two, but mainly it's just going for scrap."

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"Despite what anyone pledges as this campaign grinds on, there is nothing like an easy fix out there."

On the Republican side, every day seems to bring another scheme for lowering unemployment and balancing the budget: incentives for business, tax reform, less regulation, more manufacturing. I think the latest involves selling San Francisco to the Canadians.

Herman Cain, the pizza baron, is trying to play rainmaker with his 9-9-9 plan, which calls for a 9 percent income tax, 9 percent corporate tax and 9 percent sales tax. (I assume we'll also have to tip if it's delivered in 30 minutes or less.) He says it will streamline the tax code, produce as much revenue as the current system and provide for substantial growth to boot. Problem is, economic analysts see so many variables in his plan that a forecast of what might really happen could just as accurately be taken from the Old Farmer's Almanac. "Yep, here 'tis, on page twenty-seven. A balanced budget!"

And truthfully, that is the reason all these political types are lost in the corn maze. The problems in the economy, and the challenge of creating jobs, are genuinely daunting. Even the most promising notions are fraught with uncertainty.

Come to think of it, maybe being lost in a corn maze would not be bad. At least for the next 13 months.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360°"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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BlackBerry does damage control

- RIM execs go on PR offensive over global outages
- Not good for firm that seems to be losing out to Apple

Research In Motion has fixed the root cause of a global disruption of BlackBerry services and is still working to clear a backlog of delayed messages, its co-CEOs said on Thursday, hoping to control the damage to RIM four days after the outage began.

The chief executives — Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie — apologized for the system-wide failure that left millions of BlackBerry users without e-mail, instant messaging and browsing, and said the company would work to regain their customers' trust.

"Our inability to quickly fix this has been frustrat-



► Are BlackBerry users a dying breed?

ing," Lazaridis said, sounding contrite. "We are taking immediate and aggressive steps to minimize risk of this happening again."

Asked about whether RIM would pay compensation to carriers or enter-

prises that pay a monthly fee for its gold-standard messaging services, Balsillie suggested the company would consider that question in the coming days.

"Our focus has been 100 percent on getting the systems up and running. ... That's been our focus ... And that's something we're going to focus on now."

A number of providers around the world have already said they would compensate their customers over the lost service.

The outage and sluggish communications with customers have fanned rising dissatisfaction with RIM.

REUTERS

The Middle East. Assassination attempt



► A woman walks past an anti-U.S. mural on the wall of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Obama threatens Iran over plot

President Barack Obama warned Iran on Thursday it would face the toughest possible sanctions for an alleged plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to Washington, as officials eyed action against its central bank. In Washington, Obama told a news conference that the United States would not take any options off the table in dealing with Iran, a phrase U.S. officials regularly use toward Tehran that is diplomatic code for the possibility of military action. REUTERS

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► Steve Martin, Owen Wilson and Jack Black — stars of 'The Big Year' — discuss birding, the people who have a passion for it, and why they don't



► From left: Owen Wilson, Steve Martin and Jack Black play men with a passion for birding in "The Big Year," in theaters Friday.

MURRAY CLOSE

While they may be gifted in many other areas, comic actors Steve Martin, Owen Wilson and Jack Black all lack the skill to be a birder — birder being the formal term for an avid bird watcher. All three portray avian enthusiasts in their new film "The Big Year," but they openly admit to their lack of enthusiasm for our feathered friends.

"We did a lot of extensive research," says Martin. "Meaning that Jack did and then we asked him about it."

While Black is more modest about his preparation for the role, he adds that becoming a birder is more a matter of inspired vocation than choice.

Q&A

You're all funny guys. Did you pull any pranks on each other on set?

- **Martin:** I'm not a prankster.
- **Wilson:** Come on, Steve, on April Fools Day — you wait for that day.
- **Martin:** On April Fools I go around changing people's calendars to the second. When I hear about a prank-filled set, I just think, "Ugh I'm so glad I'm not in that movie."
- **Black:** Every time I'm on a press junket, I always regret that I didn't pull some kind of George Clooney prank so that I would have a prank to talk about later. We really missed an opportunity there, guys.

"You could read about birding and do research about birding but you can't really decide you want to be a birder," he says. "You have to have the compulsion, the obsession with birds. I don't share that with the birding society at large but it was fun to hang out with some birders and watch them in action, because it's kind of remarkable. They'll be able to spot something really far away and they'll say, 'That's the Mongolian goose.'"

"The Big Year" takes its title from an actual competition in which birders attempt to see the most species of birds within a set geographical location in one year or less. For Wilson, who plays the reigning champ of the previous Big Year, the sporting spirit of

Wilson and Black debate the value of the American Eagle

Wilson: One of the highlights for me was seeing an eagle. Then it turns out, we saw thousands of eagles, so it lost its excitement. But the first time we saw an eagle, we were filming in Cana-

da. But then it was odd to see that eagles are sort of like buzzards. They're scavengers.

Black: How dare you? The American Eagle!

Wilson: But at the dump was where we saw the most eagles. They were just hanging out. They were —

Black: I don't like where this conversation is going. Can we change the subject? I'm very patriotic.

the three men vying for the top spot suited his own competitive streak.

"I think I can get very competitive about some things. Growing up with two brothers, we were all intensely competitive with anything — ping-pong, with skipping a stone, any-

thing," he says. "That part of the character I can relate to. I understood where everybody [in the story] was coming from and that's what I like when I read [a script]."



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Review



'The Big Year'

Director: David Frankel

Cast: Steve Martin, Owen Wilson, Jack Black

Rating: PG

Grade: 00000

Hollywood movies are either designed for big ticket sales or for the critics' approval. Rarely do they satisfy both goals at once. "The Big Year," helmed by "Marley and Me" director David Frankel, tries, with the intensity of the story's intrepid birders, for box office gold. But in making a movie for everybody, they end up with a film that no one can get very excited about.

The humor is toothless. The topic of birders might be fertile ground for all manner of nerdy fancy pack jokes, birding puns, whatever — it's never fully tapped here. This film was made with a deep respect for the hobby of bird-watching, but perhaps a dollop of irreverence for the mission at hand would've made it a more relateable and enjoyable experience to watch.

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Let's give the film a hand

► Kenny Wormald fills Kevin Bacon's big dancing shoes in the remake of the '80s classic 'Footloose' ► The film is a joyous ode to the original



Look, before you decry a remake of "Footloose" and figure the Hollywood machine can't do justice to your favorite '80s movie, remember: The original "Footloose" wasn't "Citizen Kane."

The reason "Footloose" had such resonance with people of a certain age was because it was an entertaining movie with a killer soundtrack and pleasing dance moves. It was about kids having a little freedom, a little break from parental tyranny. And then there

If you go

'Footloose'

Director: Craig Brewer
Stars: Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough, Andie MacDowell, Dennis Quaid
Rating: PG-13
Grade: **0000**

was a foxy, young Kevin Bacon — a rebel in a red tuxedo. It was a recipe for huge success.

Luckily, the new "Footloose" doesn't stray too far from the original formula.

With a little updating and a little more grit, director Craig Brewer, known for edgier fare such as "Hustle & Flow" and "Black Snake Moan," has created a kick-ass homage. His version covers all of the bases: close-ups on dancing feet, a few of the classic songs and even familiar outfits. It's faithful to the original without being stodgy.

Kenny Wormald, the man who has to fill Bacon's large dancing shoes, does an admirable job in the lead role. He plays the rebel Ren

with adorable aplomb. He might not have the limber grace of Bacon, but he gives the dance scenes his all.

Yes, there are moments of pure absurdity (in a time of rampant teen pregnancy, gangs and failing schools, a ban on dancing seems far too quaint) and there might be some cringe-worthy lines, but the heart of "Footloose" — teenagers who just want to be teenagers — isn't lost.

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Review

You'll see that 'Thing' coming

'The Thing'
Director: Matthijs van Heijningen Jr.
Cast: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Joel Edgerton
Rating: R **Grade:** **0000**
Classic sci-fi thriller "The Thing" gets its first makeover in nearly 30



years in this updated prequel about a replicating alien killing off stranded scientists in remote Antarctica. While the film delivers serviceable respect to John Carpenter's 1982 version with exemplary use of scenery, effects and a strong lead in Mary Elizabeth Winstead ("Final Destination 3"), the outcome is relatively predictable and the plot points somewhat transparent.

STEVE GOW

Dive in to this 'Skin'

► Pedro Almodovar's nuanced horror might be one of the best films to hit theaters this year ► Antonio Banderas is haunting as a new Frankenstein



► Dr. Ledgard, played by Antonio Banderas, observes his captive patient, Vera, played by Elena Anaya.

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Pedro Almodovar has a welcome home in the gothic horror genre. The director known for creating so many moving pieces of art has constructed a brilliant, disturbing film that doesn't sacrifice substantial portraits of believable characters in order to deliver a truly haunting story.

A renowned but dis-

If you go

'The Skin I Live In'

Director: Pedro Almodovar
Cast: Antonio Banderas, Elena Anaya and Jan Cornet
Rating: R
Grade: 00000

turbed plastic surgeon unleashes his internal Dr. Frankenstein after losing

his wife to the aftereffects of a terrible burning in a car accident. In the first scene, we see that he has a patient locked up in his house, peacefully performing a yoga routine, creating sculptures out of her ripped-up clothes. That placid moment takes revelatory meaning by the film's halfway point.

And that's what makes

this film so stunning. Almodovar plays with expectations in a way that's exhilarating and challenging. He leaks clues, little details, for the audience to put together. He doesn't pander with obvious explanations. It's a tremendous film.



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Review

► From left: Ben Mendelsohn, Nicole Kidman and Nicholas Cage star in thriller "Trespass."

Nicolas Cage was robbed ... of his brain!

'Trespass'

Director: Joel Schumacher
Cast: Nicole Kidman, Nicholas Cage, Cam Gigandet
Rating: R **Grade:** 00000
With the last few years of his acting output as evidence, we know that Nicolas Cage has taken almost any role, any role at all, to bring in the big dough. But for the sake of fairness, let's try to forget "Drive Angry" or even "Bangkok Dangerous." "Trespass" was supposed to be a surefire hit, but just as those other films flopped, it looks like Cage has another

stinker on his hands. You can't blame his judgement this time though — with Nicole Kidman co-starring and Joel Schumacher directing, it would seem like a home run. Who knew people so talented could make a movie so bad?

Nic and Nic star as a privileged couple who face a home invasion by calculating crooks, whose motives for robbing them keep changing in soap opera-switcheroo fashion. The main problem with "Trespass" is that it seems to have been written with some by-the-numbers plot-producing monkey that took a bunch of other home-invasion films and cranked out a turkey. **HEIDI PATALANO**

Also opening

'Texas Killing Fields'

Based on a true story, this film starring Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Sam Worthington depicts the process of two cops inves-



► Sam Worthington stars in "Texas Killing Fields"

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tigating what could be the work of a serial killer after discovering more than 60 bodies that have surface in an area locals refer to as the "Killing Fields" outside Texas City.

'Fireflies in the Garden'

This film boasts a boatload of

Hollywood heavyweights: Julia Roberts, Willem Dafoe, Ryan Reynolds and Emily Watson. Why then, is it getting such an understated release? We'll guess the dark family drama at the center of the story may have something to do with it.

'Father of Invention'

Kevin Spacey stars as an inventor whose life is turned upside down after spending 10 years in prison for making faulty products. His efforts to rebuild his life again with a daughter he barely knows (Camilla Belle) and a job at a box store seem to combat the common tropes of this kind of tale — and of course, John Stamos as a co-star doesn't hurt either.



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Haunted family, not house

► It's never a good idea to bring a last-minute plus-one to your sister's wedding ► In Zoe Kazan's playwriting debut, we learn the worst uninvited guest is the past

Though it's not the usual sort of ghost tale you'd expect to see this time of year, "We Live Here" will certainly give you chills — for the first act, at least. A family of writers, musicians and artists is haunted by a past tragedy when its members come together in their lovely upper-middle-class home

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in rural New England. The warmth and joy of one daughter's impending wedding is overshadowed when her sister brings home an unexpected guest who stirs up buried memories.

The Bateman home is a feast for the eyes, bringing surprising depth to Manhattan Theatre Club's New

York City Center basement stage, which often skews flat; however, the sumptuous decor and layered rooms are underutilized. The dialogue is smart, nuanced to suit each personality. And the cast conspires to push past any of the script's other limitations, breathing believability into sometimes implausible actions. However, it's hard to recall that characters still exist once they're off the stage or silent — as if they only come alive through their complex reactions to each other. This is especially problematic due to the fact that one of the main characters is never actually seen.

The play builds tension in an everyday setting with intriguing, slightly "off" moments. We know the

Who lives there?

The story takes place at the home of nearly manic matriarch Maggie (Amy Irving) and passively intellectual dad Lawrence (Mark Blum). Daughter Dinah (Betty Gilpin) returns from college for the weekend to see her sister Althea (Jessica Collins) marry Sandy (Jeremy Shamos). And her date to the event is none other than Daniel (Oscar Isaac), an old family friend — so to speak — who also once resided with the family.

characters have flaws behind their affable social veneers, and it's riveting to try and figure them out — especially with regard to an alluded former "accident." But the delicious anticipation burns itself out during intermission, and a super-short second act feels half-cooked. The post-climactic payout threatens to leave the audience and characters in the same predicament — disengaged.



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► Dinah (Betty Gilpin, left) brings uninvited guest Daniel (Oscar Isaac) home to attend her sister's wedding in "We Live Here."

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► New season, new zombies on "The Walking Dead."

'Our America with Lisa Ling'

REALITY. For the Season 2 opener, Lisa Ling's revealing documentary series turns its lens onto the amateur porn industry — to investigate, not,

um, participate. Season premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., OWN

'Don't Tell the Bride'

REALITY. Oh, you know no good is going to come out of a show with that title, particularly when you learn the premise of this British import involves the groom planning the entire

wedding. Series premiere, Saturday, 10 p.m., OWN

'Why Am I Still Single?!'

REALITY. Because you search for love on a reality show? Desperate singles seek the advice of New York matchmaker Sissy Flicker in this new series. Series premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., VH1

'Million Dollar Contractor'

REALITY. The big-budget projects of "Contractor to the Stars" Stephen Fanuka (his clients include Beyonce and Tony Bennett) give viewers a sneak-peek inside some of Manhattan's high-end luxury homes, but his renovation tips work on any DIY budget. Series premiere, Sunday, 10 p.m., DIY **AMBER RAY**

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Little Dragon, big influence

► Swedish band may be popular with listeners, but they're possibly an even bigger hit with other artists

Little Dragon may be the quintessential artist's band. The music that the Swedish four-piece make strikes a nerve with fans, but especially with other musicians. They play conventional rock instruments, but their heavy emphasis on keyboards gives the songs an electronic gloss. Combined with pop and funk sensibilities, the songs sound how Stereolab might if Prince joined the band.

Bassist Fredrik Kallgren Wallin says sharing ideas with other bands is one of his favorite aspects of playing with Little Dragon. The band has collaborated with Gorillaz, indulged in a side project with Jose Gonzalez, and traded remixes with

Unknown Mortal Orchestra, which Wallin says was an especially rewarding experience: "It's a nice way of exchanging energy. It's not a collaboration, but you can add your flavor or get some new flavors for your own stuff."

What actually drew Metro to the band was other artists talking about Little Dragon. Word of mouth has always been a key to finding the best new music, and when the mouths delivering that word are well-respected singers, it's even harder to ignore. When we asked Janelle Monae what she was listening to lately, Little Dragon was one of the first acts she mentioned. And Sameer Gadhia of



► Little Dragon is, from left, keyboardist Hakan Wirestrand, Fredrik Kallgren Wallin, singer Yukimi Nagano and drummer Erik Bodin.

Young the Giant, who played this year's MTV Video Music Awards, said Little Dragon would be a dream collaboration, literally.

"I actually had a dream about playing with them last night," he said at the

time. "I was hanging out at their house and I started drawing something in a sketchbook, and we just started talking. ... We were not really collaborating as much yet, but I guess it was coming into formation."

When we share this anecdote with Wallin, he has a good laugh.

"That sounds fun," he says.

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'Ritual Union'

The artwork for Little Dragon's new album, "Ritual Union," is populated with snapshots of couples on their wedding day. And the title track explores the idea of marriage with a slight air of fear. Wallin explains the contrast.

"It's from our family archives of parents, relatives and grandparents," he explains. "It's supposed to be the happiest day of your life, and a lot of our parents are divorced."

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Piers Morgan doesn't have any change, Joan Rivers wants everyone to calm down, Kristin Chenoweth doesn't like exercise and Seth MacFarlane isn't a fan of Twilight.

► @piersmorgan Just got charged \$3 and one cent for a coffee at San Francisco airport. And I had just \$3 on me. Why the bloody one cent?

► @Joan_Rivers Let's all stop speculating about Ashton and Demi. We have no idea what those two are going through...aside from puberty and menopause.

► @KChenoweth Hi all! On the elliptical. I'd rather swallow tacks.

► @SethMacFarlane Was just in the bookstore — there is an entire section labeled "Teen Paranormal Romance". This is why the other countries are beating us.

► @Danecook I just said to a pregnant girl "when do you download your baby?" #techlife



Piers Morgan

THE WORD



Metro's Dorothy Robinson shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Swank sorry for attending accused murderer's party

Hilary Swank is very, very sorry about attending a birthday party for Chechen president and accused human rights violator Ramzan Kadyrov earlier this month, according to The Associated Press. "I deeply regret attending this event. If I had a full understanding of what this event was apparently intended to be, I would never have gone," Swank said in a statement, released Thursday. The Oscar-winning actress claims the invitation was for a concert and made no reference to Kadyrov's birthday. She reportedly received millions for attending.

But here's the thing: The Human Rights Watch, who have taken the actress and the other celebrities who attended — including Seal,



► Jean-Claude Van Damme, center, looks at Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, left, with Hilary Swank, right, at Kadyrov's 35th birthday party.

Jean-Claude Van Damme, and British violinist Vanessa Mae — to task, say they warned Swank about Kadyrov's activities. She reportedly told them she had declined the invitation, but

then went anyway.

Some of the bad spots on Kadyrov's resume? House torchings, torture, abductions and murder. He has also permitted honor killings of his female citi-

zens. Bad form, Swank. But if she gets an invitation from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to come over for Thanksgiving, hopefully she'll know now to turn him down.

Kutcher, Moore: Divorce likely

Ashton Kutcher is reportedly "expecting" Demi Moore to file for divorce after Sara Leal went public with details of her night with the "Two and a Half Men" star, according to Radar Online. "Ashton is absolutely gutted. Ashton had confessed his sexual relationship with Sara to Demi after it happened," a source says. "She's currently consulting with divorce attorneys. Ashton doesn't want her to file for divorce, and is hoping they can work it out. However, Ashton expects that Demi will likely file. He was hoping that Sara wouldn't give any interviews about their sexual encounter, but now she's spilling all the seedy details and it doesn't help matters at all."

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Talking points

A boy for Affleck and Garner?

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner are expecting their third child, and sources tell Life & Style that it will be their first boy. Affleck is reportedly thrilled to have a "little sports buddy," the source says. "He can't wait to take his son to baseball games and play catch

with him." As for Garner, she "feels like she won't know what to do. She's close to her two sisters, and her instincts were spot-on with the girls. But she never had a brother and doesn't know the drill."

Phone hacker arrested

The FBI have arrested 35-year-old Florida resident Christopher Chaney in connection with Scarlett Johansson's nude photo scandal, according



► Scarlett Johansson

to TMZ. Law enforcement officials claim he hacked into the actress' phone and e-mail using public information. Chaney is also believed to have also targeted Vanessa Hudgens, Ali Larter, Jessica Alba and Christina Aguilera — more than 50 victims in total. If convicted on all counts, he faces 121 years in federal prison.

Could a girl inherit the throne?

British Prime Minister David Cameron is working to change a law to ensure that if Prince William's first-born child is a girl, she can still be Queen, according to People magazine. Currently, if William and Kate's first child is a daughter but their second is a son, the boy would inherit the throne. "We espouse gender equality in all other aspects of life, and it is an anomaly that in the rules relating to the highest public officer we continue to enshrine male superiority," Cameron wrote in a statement.



These celebs could go up a pant size or two

1. "Project Runway" winner Seth Aaron sported ultra, ultra tight skinnys as he visited Short Hills, N.J., last October. Give New Jersey something to talk about, Aaron!

2. Saved by the scarf: Just looking at this photo of Russell Brand at this year's VMA's makes us really uncomfortable.

3. New York-based performance artist Breedlove at a Las Vegas performance last year. It just goes to show for most artists, times really are tight.

4. Adam Lambert tried to tone it down while attending a PFLAG event in California in September, but the seams on his tapered trousers might have been screaming still.

5. It's already a pain to walk in a cast and crutches, so we are

utterly baffled at Jessie J's choice to wear these red, incredibly unforgiving pants to the Lil Wayne record release party of "Tha Carter IV" in L.A. in August.

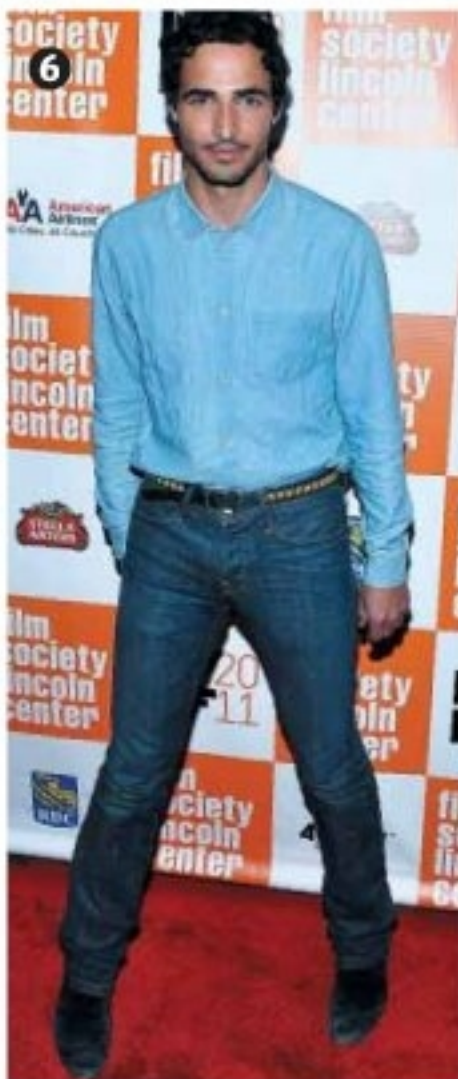
6. Fashion designer Zac Posen looked atypically awkward at New York City's Lincoln Center on Sunday. His posture had nothing to do with the tightness of his jeans. Maybe.

7. Lead vocalist of Thirty Seconds To Mars, Jared Leto, beguiled his fans in

Netherlands with his musical talents and various unusual bulges in June of this year.

8. Justin Bieber opted for a more "manly" look and added a black tie and vest to his ensemble of low-waist skinnys. Way to keep it classy.

9. Recording artist Nicki Minaj might be big on success in the hip-hop scene but the camel colored pants she wore to this year's MTV Movie Awards make her hips look just as big.



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Hitting the market

► Make room for rutabagas in your shopping bag! ► The award-winning food writer shows us how to shop for (and even cook) in-season produce



► Find Clark's Cumin Seed Roasted Cauliflower with Salted Yogurt, Mint and Pomegranate Seeds recipe at www.metro.us/food. The author says feel free to sub in Romanesco cauliflower instead of the regular kind.

ANDREW SCROVANI

We all aspire to spend weekend mornings strolling the farmers market in search of beautiful produce to whip up into Facebook-postworthy meals. But those 40 kinds of greens, 20 varieties of heirloom tomatoes and stalls full of rare veggies (watermelon radishes, anyone?) can be confusing. And then you see apples! Sweet, familiar apples! So you buy a bag and get the hell out. Don't worry — you're not alone. "Even for seasoned cooks, farmers markets can be really overwhelming," says New York Times

"A Good Appetite" columnist Melissa Clark. "You don't know what the stuff is and you don't know what to buy to go with what, so you end up buying things you're really familiar with, and that's totally fine — but then you get sick of them."

Her new book, "Cook This Now," is filled with 120 easy recipes for in-season produce, as well as sweet personal stories to inspire you out of your "same ol' dinner" food rut. We're not running from the rutabagas anymore after Clark gave us some tips to shop the market like a pro.

Start with your old faves

"Look for things that are familiar but look better than you have seen them, like gorgeous apples — and when I say gorgeous, I don't mean picture-perfect. Look for the coolest looking

apples, like Pippin or Honeycrisp instead of Red Delicious, or the niftiest looking cauliflower like Romanesco. This way you're in the realm of the familiar, but it is something more interesting that you couldn't get anywhere else."

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Look beyond the veggies

"Don't think of farmers markets as just for fruits and vegetables. They have amazing meats and butter, cheese and bread. And

eggs! You'll find amazing eggs there. The eggs we get from supermarkets are already 2 weeks old. And eggs last, like, a month. So fresh farmers market eggs will keep for a really long time."

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"Chances are, when people are talking while shopping at the farmers market, they're talking about what they're going to cook. So I get great cooking tips just

by eavesdropping. Saddle up to people who look like they're serious and just see what they're saying and going to buy."



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Pick your farmers

"There are going to be certain stands that you

just like better for whatever reason. Not that one is better, but you like the vibe. For me, I like this one stand [Evolutionary

Organics] because the woman who works there has cool tattoos. So I'm like, 'I like that place. I am going to go there.'"

In season in October

Clark tells us what to shop for at the farmers market right now:



Tomatoes: "Half-green tomatoes are so good in salads. Don't overlook those."

Grapes: "Fresh grapes taste nothing like the grapes you buy at the supermarket. It's like another world."



Winter squash: "They are particularly good at the beginning of the season and come smaller now."

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Culture

Lisa Yuskavage
Through Nov. 7, David
Zwirner, 525 W. 19 St.,
free

For two decades, Lisa Yuskavage has been gracing canvases with her lush, cartoonish, erotic nudes. The new works presented in her latest exhibit demonstrate a merging of genres including landscape, still-life and portrait painting more than her work has in the past. **ROZALIA JOVANOVIĆ**

'Skateboarding Works'
Through Nov. 5, Panda
Bar, 139 Chrystie St., free
L.A. may have its Z-Boys, but New York City has a thriving skate culture all its own. "Skateboarding Works" highlights recent photographs of skaters in action. **LEAH TAYLOR**

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Friday, 7 p.m., New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, \$25

Russell Simmons and Rick Rubin, founders of Def Jam Recordings, (check them out here in this 1988 photo with RUN DMC) hold court on this very special night of LIVE from the NYPL, where they converse with NYPL's Paul Holdengraber and pay tribute, along with other guests, to hip-hop's pioneering label. —Rozalia Jovanovic

manor house left in New York City. Check out Nitehawk Cinema in Williamsburg, whose vintage interior lends a nice dichotomy to its minimalist LED facade. **WHITNEY EDEN**

The Creators Project
Saturday and Sunday,
7 p.m., Various DUMBO
locations, free with RSVP
The two-day festival casts its net wide over DUMBO with major art installations, film screenings, panel discussions, food from Brooklyn Flea vendors, DJ sets from Justice and Juan MacLean, as well as performances by Florence & the Machine — and more. **MB**

Outside

THE RUNDOWN

► Metro's guide to what's happening in NYC this week

Blinky Palermo Retrospective Coach Tour
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Dia:Beacon,
3 Beekman St., Beacon,
\$20-\$40

Take advantage of this special one-time-only day trip, which includes pick-

up and drop-off in Manhattan, a visit to both locations for the full retrospective experience and a guided walk-through at Dia:Beacon with artist Lilliana Porter. **DOUG LEVY**

ZombieCon 2011
Saturday, 2 p.m., various

locations, free
Today's forecast calls for frightful conditions. A swarm of flesh-eating undead is expected to flood the city, terrorizing innocent passersby in search of brains and Bloody Marys. Corpses draw inspiration from medieval times,

when the Black Death was the disease du jour. **MB**

Music

**Beach Fossils w/
Dive, Minks &
Heavenly Beat**
Friday, 8 p.m., 285 Kent,
285 Kent Ave.,
Williamsburg, \$10

JM Rambo and Captured Tracks present a lineup that will bring you back to those breezy summer afternoons at the Williamsburg waterfront. Beach Fossils headline the night. **RJ**

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CASINO LISTINGS

Atlantic City

Music

Arctic Monkeys
Friday, 8 p.m.
House of Blues in Showboat
\$30, \$32.50, 609-343-5700
www.showboat.com

The Beach Boys
Friday, 9 p.m.
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
\$55, 609-317-1000
www.theborgata.com

Fuel
Saturday, 10 p.m.



► Natalie Cole performs Saturday at Caesar's.

Showboat
Free, 609-343-4000
www.showboat.com

Natalie Cole
Saturday, 9 p.m.
Caesars Atlantic City
\$60-\$85, 609-348-4411
www.caesarsac.com

Phil Vassar
Saturday, 9 p.m.
Harrah's Resort Atlantic City
\$30-\$40, 609-441-5786
www.harrahresort.com

Stephen Stills
Saturday, 9 p.m.
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
\$45-\$50, 609-317-1000

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Culinary

Oktoberfest Beer Festival
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Atlantic City Country Club
\$69 (prepaid); \$85 (door);
609-236-4415
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Oktoberfest time! Featuring authentic German beers and cuisine along with games, prizes, live music and 20 Oktoberfest beers on tap.

Sports

Atlantic City Marathon
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THE WEEK THAT WAS

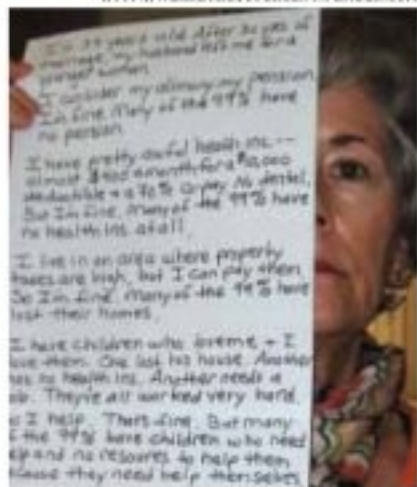
Do you think we're moving in the wrong direction and long for change? Then you fall smack-dab into the 100 percent

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What have we learned?

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US by numbers: Divided we fall

"CONSERVATIVES LAUNCH 'WE ARE THE 53%' BLOG," CBSNEWS.COM, OCT. 11. Occupy Wall Street forces created the "We Are The 99 Percent" blog to highlight the hardships of suffering Americans. But if OWS truly pitted this supermajority against the "1 Percent" fi-

nancial elite, we'd be seeing a lot more agreement. Somehow, the math must be off. (Take the conservative response: The "We Are The 53 Percent" blog, which paints protesters as irresponsible whiners.)

Like all things political in the U.S., discussion of OWS has been tainted by the left-right divide, which clouds necessary debate with blind allegiance. But one thing both left and right agree on is that something's gotta give. The right, with its Tea Party movement, thinks the problem lies in government. OWS pushes against the corresponding institution, corporations.

Could be the solution lies somewhere in the middle. Unchecked, corporations would consume the whole world in the name of profit. Likewise, unregulated government breeds corruption.

Add them together and you've got a 100 percent chance of disaster.

Adorable headlines

"Man arrested after bank teller can't read note"

TOPIX.COM, OCT. 11
Banks 1, public schools 0.

"The beauty of failure"

HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, OCT. 10
Go home, Sarah Palin.

"World's hairiest man promotes dating agency"

WEIRDASIANEWS.COM, OCT. 10
OKSasquatch?

"Tiger Woods has hot dog thrown at him"

HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, OCT. 9
How the tables have turned.

"Pizza delivery man turns in pot user"

MSNBC.MSN.COM, OCT. 4
Next week: Out of business.

Horoscope

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't waste your time dealing with a subordinate instead of the head honcho, because you must know you're not going to get anywhere. Go directly to the head of the class.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Once you have thought an important decision through, act in accordance with the way you have reasoned things out. Don't yield to an impulsive reaction.

♐ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** An imaginative product of your ingenuity may actually have profitable possibilities. If you follow your plans, you have a chance for good results.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Two separate situations in which you're involved might have a chance of fusing together very nicely. It'll be to your advantage to tie them together to see what you can do.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Both your instincts and logic will be operating at full force, so see if you can link them together in order to more greatly enhance your possibilities for success.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** There is a strong possibility that a chance remark made by someone who works in a place where big things are happening will put you onto something substantial. Keep your ears open.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** If you're doing reasonably well with your work and seem to be on a roll, don't be too eager to call it a day. Get things done while everything is going your way.

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** Don't count your social involvements as wasted hours. You need some interaction with fun people as a break from the harshness of the working world. Make time for them, because they'll lift your spirits.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** Play it cool for best results. Don't disclose the hand you're holding until your counterpart reveals his or hers.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** It might fall to you to mediate a sticky situation between two close friends. Don't back off from this unwanted responsibility if you know you can resolve things.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't delay going after an important objective if you believe the favorable conditions you're now experiencing may only be temporary. Strike while the iron is smoking.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you think you have a solution that would resolve a misunderstanding between two close friends, speak up. It's important you do so while both parties are in a forgiving mood.

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Across

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- 5 Busch Gardens city
- 10 Turnstile
- 14 Midterm or final
- 15 Scallion
- 16 Theater award
- 17 Late-night Jay
- 18 Stoneworker
- 19 Babysitter, often
- 20 Lie dormant
- 22 Knight's thing
- 24 "Eso ___" (Anka hit)
- 27 Whiskery animal
- 28 Settle accounts (2 wds.)
- 32 "Vertigo" actress
- 36 ___ bono (who profits?)
- 37 Brass or mercury
- 39 Catty
- 40 South African money
- 42 Fracas
- 44 Aim
- 45 "Fair as ___", when only one ... (Wordsworth)
- 47 Buy new weapons
- 49 Mae West role
- 50 Grand or upright
- 51 So-so
- 53 Antler bearer
- 56 Identify
- 57 Latitude (2 wds.)
- 61 Push rudely
- 65 Roast pig repast
- 66 Vast multitude
- 69 Glut
- 70 Wheels for the fields
- 71 PC message
- 72 Norse god
- 73 You, formerly
- 74 Bills
- 75 Oriole's abode

Down

- 1 Hardens
- 2 Skater's leap
- 3 Country road
- 4 Protozoan
- 5 Huck's raftmate
- 6 Literary miscellany
- 7 File folder label
- 8 Makes light of
- 9 Comics orphan
- 10 Managed (2 wds.)
- 11 Cain's victim
- 12 Cake layer
- 13 Counting-rhyme start
- 21 Salon request
- 23 FedEx trucks
- 25 Strike one as

- 26 On the fringes
- 28 Discard
- 29 Virtual
- 30 Utah range
- 31 Opposite of neo-
- 33 Cello's kin
- 34 Oil-well capper Red ___
- 35 Shade of green
- 38 Memorize
- 41 Ballerina
- 43 Wagner's earth god-
- 46 Portnoy's creator

- 48 Play charades
- 52 Wrestling hold
- 54 Oohed and ___
- 55 Troll's cousin
- 57 Tire trouble
- 58 Babe with a bat
- 59 Chalet feature
- 60 Dingy
- 62 Invited
- 63 Luthor's gofer
- 64 Shoved off
- 67 Morse click
- 68 Overhead railways

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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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In the NFL

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The NFL has fined Saints S Roman Harper \$15,000 for his Sunday cheap shot on Steve Smith. Harper knocked Smith to the ground well after the WR crossed the goal line on a 30-yard TD catch from Cam Newton. The teams briefly scuffled after the incident. **● METRO**

In the NFC

STANDINGS

EAST

REDSKINS	3-1
GIANTS	3-2
COWBOYS	2-2
EAGLES	1-4

NORTH

LIONS	5-0
PACKERS	5-0
BEARS	2-3
VIKINGS	1-4

SOUTH

SAINTS	4-1
BUCCANEERS	3-2
FALCONS	2-3
PANTHERS	1-4

WEST

49ERS	4-1
SEAHAWKS	2-3
CARDINALS	1-4
RAMS	0-4

Will the NFL ever stay under?

It's difficult to explain all the scoring going on in the NFL this season.

Theoretically, the lock-out should have harmed offenses more than defenses. They didn't have time to work on timing, advanced plays or continuity. All defensive guys have to

do is go out there and hit.

Apparently, that's harder than it sounds. Through five weeks, the over has hit in 48 games, and the under has hit 26 times. So if you bet \$100 on the over in every NFL game this season, you would be up \$1,940. Not bad.

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The question now, as we head into Week 6, is whether the oddsmakers have adjusted. "Yes" is the safe answer.

When the dust settles each season, the over/under ends up around 50/50. This 63.16 rate just isn't going to last. **● ADAM LEVITAN**

Giants play host to surprising Bills

► Underdog darling of the NFL comes to MetLife stadium ► Can Big Blue shut down Fitzpatrick and Jackson? ► Coughlin worried about young stars

The Giants are in trouble this Sunday if you take head coach Tom Coughlin's word for it.

True, he's an expert in coachpeak, but this time Coughlin said he's genuinely worried about the Bills.

Buffalo is a surprising 4-1 and have done it by defeating three teams with playoff aspirations — the Raiders, Patriots and Eagles. Even though all three were at home, and this is Buffalo's first real road test, Coughlin said he's very weary of the high-powered team.

"The Buffalo Bills are an outstanding football team playing very well, and they have a 32 points-a-game average," Coughlin said. "They only have five giveaways and are plus-11 in [turnover ratio]. They lead the league in takeaways and have 12 interceptions. Many of these interceptions have contributed to the opportunity for them to win. They have scored defensive touchdowns in three games, which is tantamount [because] when you do the stats on that, it's normally between 75 and 85 percent wins if you score on defense. They're doing all the right things."

New York's defense has been under siege recently,



► Jackson ran all over the Eagles last week. Can he do it to another NFC East foe this week?

which doesn't bode well for them because the Bills are not a one-dimensional offense. Quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick has found a home in Buffalo and is repaying their faith with a stellar season so far (10 touchdowns, four interceptions and 1,233 yards). The real key to the offense, however, is multitalented run-

ning back Fred Jackson.

"They have an outstanding passing game, obviously, but good balance," Coughlin said. "Jackson is rated very highly in the league, not only in rushing, but in total yardage from scrimmage."

Injury update

Who practiced, and who didn't, on Thursday:

► Did not practice: RB Brandon Jacobs (knee), DE Justin Tuck (groin/neck), CB Prince Amukamara (foot)
► Limited: C David Baas (neck), LB Michael Boley (knee)

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The cold, hard

football facts

A look at this weekend's NFL action, through the eyes of the football stat experts at coldhardfootballfacts.com.



The Real

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Teams that win the Real QB Rating battle are 63-14 (.818) in 2011. It's also incredible 51-26 (.662) at predicting winners. In both cases, it's the most accurate stat in football.

Here's the Real QB matchup for five key games this weekend:

► Buffalo (93.3) at New York Giants (88.6)
► Philadelphia (78.6) at Washington (68.3)
► San Francisco (92.2) at Detroit (97.5)
► Dallas (82.8) at New England (104.2)
► Miami (74.0) at New York Jets (68.0)

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'Start and Sit'

Start him

The bye week came at the perfect time for Cowboys QB Tony Romo, who gets both his starting WRs back at full strength after some injury issues. He'll have no trouble airing it out against the Patriots defense.

Sit him

Lions RB Jahvid Best's Week 6 opponent, the San Francisco 49ers, have held opposing RBs to less than 85 yards in five games, and have yet to give up a rushing TD to an RB.

On the air Sunday

Giants vs. Bills
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WEEKEND FOOTBALL BETTING GUIDE



RAMS 0-4 at PACKERS 5-0

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Packers -15.5 (O/U 48)
The Scoop: Yes, it's a big spread, but the Pack are 4-1 ATS this season. Also, take the over.
Pick: Packers



BILLS 4-1 at GIANTS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Giants -3 (O/U 50)
The Scoop: Giants are 2-5 ATS in last seven at home. Blue is favored for name only; go with the Bills.
Pick: Bills



COLTS 0-5 at BENGALS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Bengals -7 (O/U 41)
The Scoop: Cincy is only 5-13 SU in their last 18. They aren't good and shouldn't be giving so much.
Pick: Colts



PANTHERS 1-4 at FALCONS 2-3

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Falcons -4 (O/U 50.5)
The Scoop: Cam Newton is king of the backdoor cover. Falcons won't let it happen this week, though.
Pick: Falcons



49ERS 4-1 at LIONS 5-0

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Lions -4.5 (O/U 46)
The Scoop: Lions are undefeated ATS in their last 10 games (9-0-1).
Pick: Lions



EAGLES 1-4 at REDSKINS 3-1

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Eagles -2 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: No one believes in the 'Skins. Neither do we, with them 2-5 ATS in their last seven at home.
Pick: Eagles



JAGUARS 1-4 at STEELERS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Steelers -13 (O/U 40)
The Scoop: Steelers don't play many blowouts (last week excluded), which is why they're 2-3 ATS.
Pick: Jaguars



BROWNS 2-2 at RAIDERS 3-2

SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.

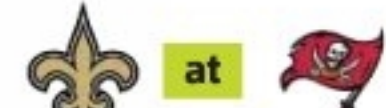
Line: Raiders -7 (O/U 44.5)
The Scoop: Raiders are 0-5 ATS in their last five against Cleveland. But this is a different Raiders team.
Pick: Raiders



TEXANS 3-2 at RAVENS 3-1

SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.

Line: Ravens -8 (O/U 45)
The Scoop: Ravens are 3-1 ATS this year. When they win, they win big (by 25 points per game).
Pick: Ravens



SAINTS 4-1 at BUCS 3-2

SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.

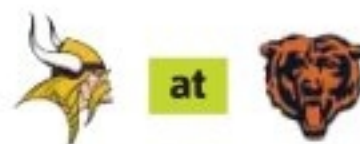
Line: Saints -5 (O/U 49.5)
The Scoop: Saints are better SU, and five isn't enough to get off them.
Pick: Saints

Cowboys at Patriots (4:15 Sunday)



LINE: Patriots -7 (O/U 55)

KEY INJURIES: RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis (foot) probable. WR Dez Bryant (thigh) probable. DE Jason Hatcher (calf) out. DL Mike Wright (concussion) on IR.
THE SCOOP: The Pats are 4-1 ATS this season, while the Cowboys are 1-2-1. The reason? People love the Cowboys and always bet on them regardless of the season results or spreads. So a 7-point spread could be even larger. New England could be without Jerod Mayo, but their offense will be all intact and you know Tom Brady will be putting up points. One word of caution: Stay away from the largest O/U of the week. Feel confident in taking the Pats to cover, but the 'Boys have a good defense.
PICK: Patriots



VIKINGS 1-4 at BEARS 2-3

SUNDAY, 8:20 P.M.

Line: Bears -3 (O/U 42)
The Scoop: Minnesota is just 2-12 in its last 14 games on the road. Worse than you would have guessed, right? However, Chicago is getting three for being home, so the experts think this one will be close. One thing the Vikings can do is put pressure on the quarterback. The Bears' line can't protect Jay Cutler.
Pick: Vikings



DOLPHINS 0-4 at JETS 2-3

MONDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Line: Jets -7 (O/U 42.5)
The Scoop: Both of these teams are terrible ATS this season — 1-8 combined. The Jets are a better team by quite a bit, though. And Matt Moore will likely be completely confused by Rex Ryan's defense. Forget about the trends so far this year. The Jets win, and they will win big. Take the over, while you're at it.
Pick: Jets



PURDUE 3-2 at PENN ST 5-1

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Penn State -11
The Scoop: The Lions are 1-5 ATS this year — the opposite of their SU record. Not a good sign.
Pick: Purdue



INDIANA 1-5 at WISCONSIN 5-0

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Wisconsin -40.5
The Scoop: Talk about a massive spread. The Badgers win easy, but by 41 points? That's crazy.
Pick: Indiana



MICHIGAN 6-0 at MICH. ST 4-1

SATURDAY, NOON

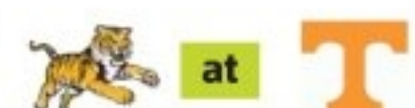
Line: Michigan State -2
The Scoop: Michigan is 5-1 ATS and still are underdogs against MSU. It doesn't make sense.
Pick: Michigan



S. CAROLINA 5-1 at MISS. ST 3-3

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: S. Carolina -3
The Scoop: The Bulldogs are 1-5 ATS this season. No more Stephen Garcia distraction helps the Gamecocks.
Pick: South Carolina



LSU 6-0 at TENNESSEE 3-2

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: LSU -17.5
The Scoop: LSU will win, but the Vols are 3-1-1 ATS this season.
Pick: Tennessee



OHIO ST 3-3 at ILLINOIS 6-0

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: Illinois -3.5
The Scoop: Every trend will be misleading for this one. The Buckeyes stink. Go with the Illini.
Pick: Illinois



OKLA. ST 5-0 at TEXAS 4-1

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: OSU -8.5
The Scoop: The Cowboys are 4-1 ATS, including a huge cover last week against Kansas.
Pick: Oklahoma State



ALABAMA 6-0 at MISSISSIPPI 2-3

SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Line: Alabama -26.5
The Scoop: The Tide are 5-1 ATS and are significantly better than the Rebels. Shouldn't be close.
Pick: Alabama



FLORIDA 4-2 at AUBURN 4-2

SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

Line: Florida -2
The Scoop: Both coming off blowout losses. We go with Auburn, though, with Florida's QB questions.
Pick: Auburn



ARIZONA ST 3-2 at OREGON 4-1

SATURDAY, 10:15 P.M.

Line: Oregon -14
The Scoop: The Sun Devils are 1-5 ATS in the teams' last six meetings.
Pick: Oregon



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NFL news

No Julio



► **Julio Jones** has already been ruled out for Week 6, hinting at a multi-week injury. That means Harry Douglas takes over as starter on a team becoming increasingly pass-happy. Deep league owners should take a flier.

TEBOW TIME: GET EXCITED

There's no gray area when it comes to Tim Tebow. Either you're a hater, or you bow before his mere presence.

But fantasy owners should have a different take on Tebow-mania. He runs, and therefore he is.

Once the Broncos come out of their bye in Week 7, Tebow is going to be a poor real-life quarterback. He is wildly inaccurate, has awful mechanics and can barely even get the ball from center. He'll also be a top-10 fantasy quarterback weekly. Here's why:

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History repeated

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Tim Tebow has overtaken Kyle Orton as Denver's starting quarterback.



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► **WR, Packers**
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2 Chris Johnson, RB, TEN

— The Titans' say their No. 1 priority during their bye week is to fix the running game.



3 Vincent Jackson, WR, SD

— Jackson has only flashed his dominant potential so far. Philip Rivers is an annual slow starter.



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► Fewell put Fitzgerald in as quarterback as one of his first moves as Bills head coach.

Fewell: Bills game is just like any other

- Meets team that passed over him
- More concerned with his D now

Two years ago, Perry Fewell was interim head coach of the Bills. He installed Ryan Fitzpatrick as starting quarterback. The team rallied around him and went 3-4 after starting 3-6.

And at the end of the season, the Bills let him go.

Fewell took over as defensive coordinator for the Giants last year and says he has no hard feelings as Buffalo visits MetLife Stadium this week.

It's been two years and whether I did or didn't [think I'd get the Bills job], I think that's irrelevant,"

Fewell said. "I'm happy to be where I am now."

As for any added incentive, Fewell took the high road.

"It's just a game that we have to win," he said. "I just happen to know those guys on the other side though."

Fewell has his own problems.

"My focus is more on us than it is the Buffalo Bills, because we have to learn how to compliment each other and we don't know how to compliment each other at this point in time," Fewell said. **● METRO**

Mason glad to be a Texan

If former Jets wide receiver Derrick Mason has an axe to grind against his former team, he isn't showing it.

"I'm done, I just want to put that behind me as quickly as possible. They can continue to talk about it if they want, but I've got a job to do. I can't worry

about what happened in New York," Mason said in his first comments in Houston. "Sometimes you go in with one thought as an organization and then you come out with another."

A knock on Mason with the Jets was he didn't grasp the playbook fast enough.

"We had a chance to go get a guy that still runs very well even though he's played a long time in this league," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "He's been very effective in this league and we feel like we can catch him up real fast."

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Sports in brief



► Marshall

WR Marshall seeks ejection

NFL. The Jets will apparently only have to worry about Brandon Marshall for one quarter Monday.

The always outspoken receiver told the Sun-Sentinel he plans to be ejected — intentionally.

"I'm serious," Marshall said. "They're going to fine me. It's probably going to be like a \$50,000 fine. But that quarter and a half that I'm out there, I'm going to play like a monster."

Marshall also said he might get into a fight with Bart Scott or Antonio Cromartie.

MLB names top comebacks

MLB. A former Yankee and a Yankee rival were named MLB Comeback Players of the Year.

Red Sox outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury won in the AL, while Yankee-dud Lance Berkman won in the NL.

"If we don't make it on Tuesday, my gut — this is not in my official capacity of canceling games — but my gut is that we won't be playing on Christmas Day."

NBA. David Stern spoke on the continuing NBA lockout and the word wasn't good. **● METRO**

R U ready for Navy

- Rutgers tops in the Big East at 4-1
- Face always tough triple-option

This was the kind of defense that head coach Greg Schiano envisioned this year — fast, attacking the ball and creating turnovers.

Last season, it was hard to tell how good the Rutgers defense was on a 4-8 team due to the problems on offense. With the offense often folding after a three-and-out, the Rutgers defense was seemingly al-

ways on the field. But with a more balanced offense this year, the defense is being asked to simply keep the team in games. Just keeping Rutgers in the game is the request this Saturday as a defense built on speed will face a challenge in stopping a Navy offense that is among the best in the nation at running the ball.

"Looking forward to Navy now, a unique set of challenges. They're running the football better than anybody else in America," head coach Greg Schiano said. "It's a huge challenge because it's a unique offense and one we don't see very much."

The Navy offense is among the most difficult to



► Rutgers has Big East wins over Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

prepare for in the nation.

The triple-option is utilized by just a handful of teams in college football. And while its known as a rushing offense, they will also lull you into big passing plays.

"They do throw the ball.

One of the things that's lost in this triple-option offense, is Navy counts on hitting in two of those big plays, so we have to make sure we cover," Schiano said.

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Mohamed Sanu, who came to Rutgers as a QB, is averaging 91 yards per game as a receiver, while also taking snaps from the Wildcat.

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